

Initiating the Global Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme in the Pacific Region

-- Inception Workshop --

Time: **10:00 – 12:00 Fiji time** | Date: **February 28, 2023** | Format: **Virtual**

Background

In 2019 UNEP/ UNDP Global Support Programme (GSP) activated its work on technical support for the region of the Pacific. The **Regional Network for the Pacific Region on Transparency and MRV** was established in 2019 to maintain a dialogue on climate change reporting requirements under the UNFCCC and to proceed to the Enhanced Transparency Frameworks (ETF) by 2024.

In 2022, with the start of the new Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP), funded by GEF, implemented by UNEP, and executed by UNEP-Copenhagen Climate Centre (UNEP-CCC), the **Regional Network for the Pacific** is resuming its operation and intends to continue its cooperation and support on climate transparency, MRV and reporting.

A capacity needs assessment of transparency was undertaken in December 2022 – January 2023, to identify gaps and needs, and to prioritize next steps, which - implemented both at the national and regional level- will help strengthen the reporting capacities of the members of the network on GHG inventory, adaptation, climate finance and NDC tracking in the frameworks of their NCs, BURs and BTRs.

Objective

The main objective of the inception workshop is to **introduce** the *Capacity-Building Initiative for Transparency – Global Support Programme (CBIT-GSP)* to the members of the regional network of the Pacific Region and **kick-off** the *project work plan with proposed activities for 2023*.

It is expected that the participants will discuss the **key findings of the capacity needs assessment of transparency**, which has been recently conducted by the CBIT-GSP team and jointly agree on **proposed project activities for 2023** to support them *building technical and individual capacities* on climate transparency and reporting in the region.

Target Audience and Language

The Inception Workshop will gather Coordinators of National Communications and Biennial Update Reports, senior experts from the national agencies dealing with climate policy who oversee the establishment of MRV and the national Enhanced Transparency Frameworks and experts dealing with data collection and greenhouse gas inventory, adaptation and impacts, climate finance and NDC tracking. On the other hand, the meeting also awaits representatives from international agencies who are dealing with climate change and transparency in the region, including UNFCCC, UNDP, FAO, GIZ and ICAT.

Duration

It is expected that the meeting will last up to **2 hours** with sufficient timing dedicated to discussion and Q&A sessions.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Session
10:00 – 10:10	Opening session and welcoming remarks Moderator: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator Speakers: Mr. John Christensen, UNEP-CCC Director and Patricia Marcos Huidobro, GEF
10:10 – 10:15	Group Photo
10:15 - 10:30	Introduction to the CBIT-GSP project: key objectives and expectations Speaker: Ms. Fatima-Zahra Taibi, CBIT-GSP Global Coordinator
10:30 - 10:40	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
10:40 - 11:00	Capacity Assessment on Transparency: methodology, key findings, gaps and perspectives for the Pacific Speaker: Mr. Ravneeth Dewan, Network Coordinator
11:00 - 11:15	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
11:11 - 11:30	Project Work Plan for 2023: setting priorities and scheduling project activities Speaker: Mr. Ravneeth Dewan, Network Coordinator
11:30 - 11:50	<i>Interaction and Q&A session</i>
11:50 - 12:00	Wrap-up and closing remarks